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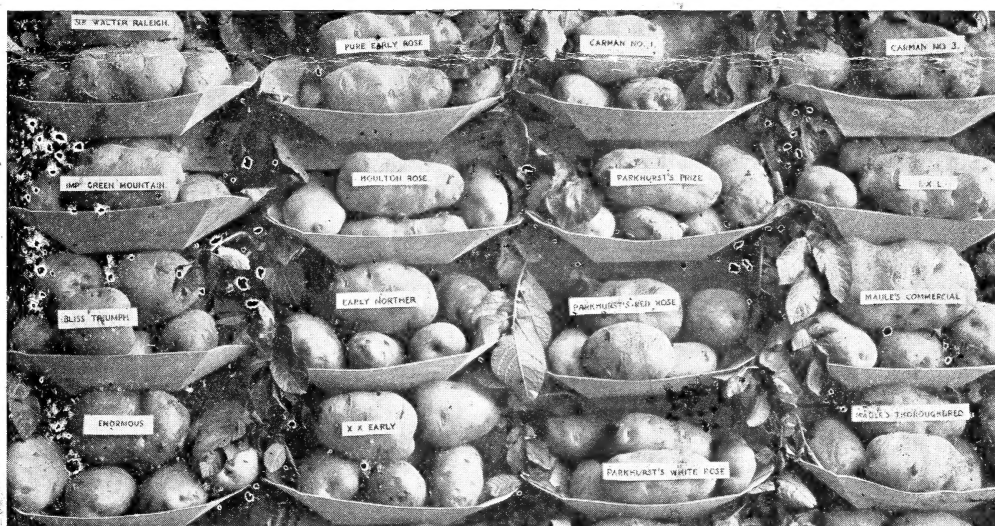
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# E. E. PARKHURST & CO.'S

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL

Circular and Descriptive Catalogue of

## SEED POTATOES



FROM THE COLD NORTHEAST COUNTY OF  
AROOSTOOK, STATE OF MAINE

1903

Trade Mark and Brand which is put on every Package:

E. E. PARKHURST & CO.'S

AROOSTOOK COUNTY

SEED POTATOES.

PRESQUE ISLE, - MAINE.

## **How Potatoes Originated.**

According to the best historical information we have been able to obtain, potatoes were first discovered in Chili, South America. History does not state how long they were cultivated in Chili before they were introduced into North America. Sometime in the fifteenth century they were introduced into Mexico. They were introduced into England by Sir Walter Raleigh in the Sixteenth century. In the latter part of the sixteenth century there came over some Scotch-Irish emigrants who settled in Londonderry, N. H. The first record of any planting of potatoes in New England were by those Scotch-Irish settlers in 1718. They obtained their seed from Scotland. Two years later in 1720 is the first record we have of potatoes being sold in Boston.



For fourteen years the senior member of this firm, E. E. Parkhurst, who is now the oldest dealer in Seed Potatoes in Aroostook County, has made a specialty of growing nothing but seed potatoes, commencing with the small sale of four carloads the first year. The business has increased to 200 carloads per year. In representing this our fifteenth annual catalogue and list of varieties, it gives us pleasure to announce that the same high class goods will be furnished our customers this year that have been in the past.

We raise on our own farms and furnish seed to farmers to grow for us under our immediate supervision from 15,000 to 20,000 barrels of seed potatoes every year. Our potatoes are all grown from carefully selected seed.

The first experiment with Bordeaux mixture in Aroostook County was made by us on our farms. We have used it eight years. This has eradicated from our stock all tendency to any form of disease; we have thus established hardy strains of seed.

Having grown our selected seed stock so many years in the most northern county in Maine, they come up quickly, are strong and vigorous and push forward rapidly when planted in the South, East or West.

At digging time our potatoes are carefully sorted and stored in cold storage potato houses, built wholly above ground so that the temperature is kept as near the freezing point as possible. Under this treatment they remain perfectly dormant until they are taken out and shipped to each purchaser.

It is a fact well known and established not only in the Southern States, but all over the country that the farther north the seed is grown the earlier the crop and the larger the yield will be.

Many farmers are not careful as they should be in the selection of their seed potatoes. It is not good economy to save a few cents per barrel at planting time by purchasing unreliable seed, and thus lose many dollars when the crop is harvested. No up-to-date and progressive farmers will take chances and buy of second or third parties when they can buy direct from the grower in large or small quantities.

**OUR GUARANTEE.** We exercise the greatest care to have our potatoes clean, pure and true to name and to reach the customer in good condition and grow if properly planted. Our goods must be carefully inspected by purchaser upon their receipt and if they are not found as above we will refill the order free of charge, provided sufficient proof is given us within a reasonable length of time. We cannot guarantee crops and will not be responsible for them.

The amount of our stock of some special varieties is limited and it will be well for our customers to order early that they may have the full stock to select from.

For twelve years we have made a specialty of furnishing Granges in carload lots. Some Granges order from three to five carloads. If the agents of Granges will correspond with us before placing their orders we will make them special Grange prices, which will be for their interest. We will make up carloads of any number of varieties in our catalogue that we may have in stock without any extra charge.

We do not catalogue any variety without first testing it on our own farms, and if it does not prove satisfactory to us, we refuse to offer it for sale.

Our old customers will please notice that we have left out of our catalogue this year several varieties. We have done this because we have something better to offer in their place. It is a fact that many potatoes sold on the market as Houlton Rose, Early Rose, New Queens, and other varieties are badly mixed with varieties that closely resemble them, and also medium or late varieties are often substituted for early varieties by dealers who have no reputation at stake.

Thousands of farmers within the past few years have found that they can increase their

crop one-third on the same land by planting well selected stock of northern grown seed. There is no crop that is so benefitted by the introduction of fresh new seed as the potato crop.

**CARLOAD ORDERS.** Any number of individuals or Granges that will make up a car order of 500 or 550 bushels, we will make them special prices and deliver them to their nearest railway station.

**TO LARGE WHOLESALE DEALERS.** We are always glad to make prices to commission men, brokers and jobbers and will make them as low as any other shippers for the same grade of goods.

## A Few Things of Importance We Wish Our Customers To Read.

If they will read carefully the following instructions it will save them the time and expense of writing to us and will save us the time and expense in answering letters. It is not hard for us to answer twenty-five or fifty letters a day, but when we have two hundred to answer it is more than we can do.

The prices quoted in this catalogue for one and two pound orders we send by mail and prepay the postage.

The peck, bushel and barrel orders we sell c. o. d. on board cars here and ship by freight or express, whichever way we can ship the cheapest unless we have orders from the purchaser how to ship.

We use paper boxes for shipping in by mail, all other orders are shipped in bags or barrels.

## Instructions About Ordering.

Those who send in plainly written orders will be sure to have them filled correctly and with dispatch. Always be sure to sign your name, postoffice, county and State. Cash must accompany all orders and should be sent by Postoffice order, Bank draft, Express-order or Registered letter. We will not be responsible for money sent us in a letter without being registered.

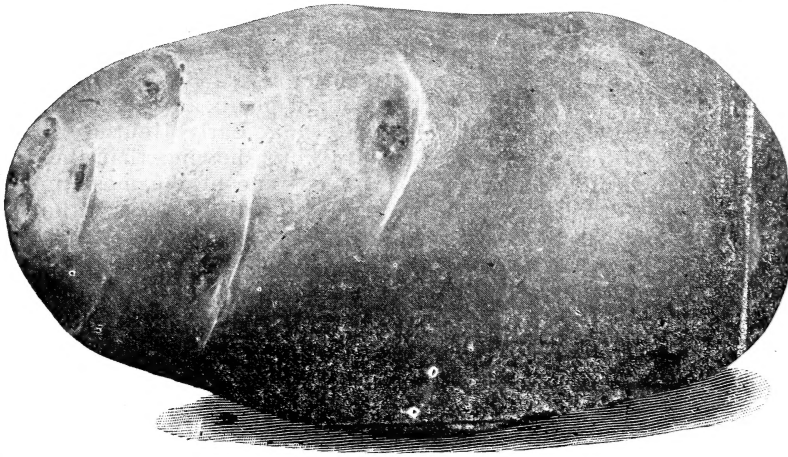
Our facilities are the very best for shipping and on all articles that are to be sent by freight or express we secure the lowest possible rates, but do not pay the transportation charges, excepting on carload lots.

## Important.

**WE WISH TO IMPRESS** upon the mind of every customer that it is very essential to follow the above instructions when ordering, as this insures safe and prompt delivery of all goods ordered. Order early, as early orders always get the best attention and the best of everything. Sometimes we run short of some varieties and those who order late cannot always get what they want. We never substitute one variety for another unless we are ordered to do so.

**PARKHURST'S EXTRA EARLY RED ROSE.**—We do not hesitate to offer this potato as one of the best and most productive early varieties. We have grown it five years on our experimental farms, besides having quantities of it grown by other farmers. It has sustained its reputation in every section of the country where it has been introduced. It is a perfect Rose colored potato and cuts red. It is a little more oval and does not grow so long as the Rose. It is one of the earliest varieties. It is earlier than the Rose, Queen, or Hebron. The potatoes are always smooth and free from scab. Our stock is limited.

## Extra Early Varieties.



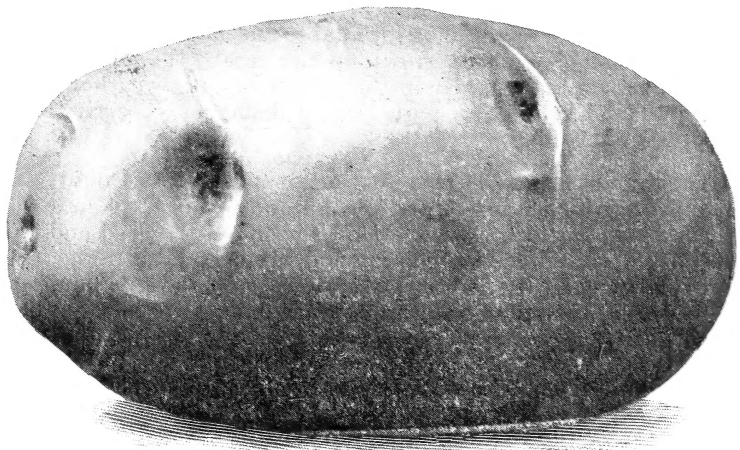
**BOYEE.** This potato we find to be all that Peter Henderson & Co. have claimed for it. It is one of the earliest and one of the most productive early potatoes that we have ever grown. Vine growth dwarf and stocky. Potatoes resemble the Early Hebron & New Queen. The tubers are smooth, handsome, & fine quality, a good keeper, and so far

have been quite free from blight. The Ohio Experimental Station report it earlier than Early Ohio and Early Harvest.

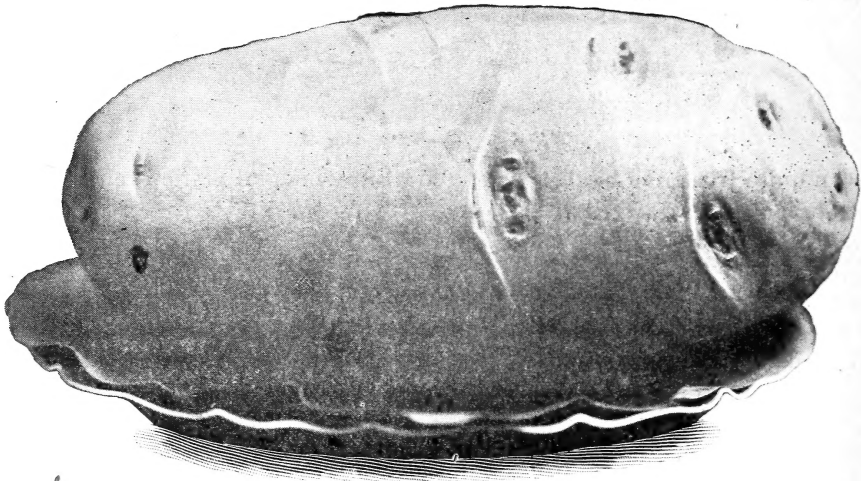
**X. X. EARLY.**—This is one of the earliest of the Ohio family. It will bear heavy manuring with commercial fertilizers. With good cultivation on good soil it often produces 100 barrels or 275 bushels per acre. Potatoes come to an eatable size very early and of fine table quality through the whole season. It is one of the best varieties for the market gardener.

**PARKHURST'S AROOSTOOK COUNTY WHITE ROSE.**—After seven years' trial with this potato, which originated from a sport of the early Hebron, has proved to be as near perfection as any white potato we have grown. It is one of the earliest. The quality is perfect. It yields large crops of perfectly smooth white potatoes. For home use or for the early market it must become a popular variety. Our stock is limited this year.

**NEW QUEEN.**—This is a seedling from the old Beauty of Hebron which it closely resembles in color and form. It is a more vigorous grower than the Hebron and produces larger crops with but few small potatoes. It is a little earlier than the Rose. It is a good general cropper and yields about as large crops as any of the old varieties. For table use from time of harvesting until April or May there is no potato grown late or early that will excel it in any form. This potato is now 18 years from the seed ball, yet seemingly it has not lost any of its early vigor. We guarantee what stock we have this year to be pure and true to name.



**IRISH COBBLER.** We have found this potato to be one of the most reliable of all extra early potatoes we ever cultivated. In ripening it seems to be more uniform than any other sort. Every hill seems to ripen at the same time. The potatoes in form are oval and round. They grow very smooth, cream white, with few and shallow eyes. The quality for early table use is not excelled by any early variety. It keeps perfectly through the winter until planting time in the spring and it is never out of season for the table. Considering its earliness yield fine quality and handsome appearance, Irish Cobbler is one of the best of all early potatoes. One writer and experimenter says:—35 plants one foot apart in row yielded 42 lbs. With exactly the same number of plants and treatment the Early Ohio yielded 26 1-2 lbs. a few days later. Still later came Early Hebron yielding 27 lbs. Two weeks later King of Rose yielded 42 1-2 lbs. Thus showing that the Irish Cobbler with the same cultivation will yield as heavy crops as some of the most productive later varieties. Our supply this year is so limited that we can only offer them in small lots. We want each one of our customers to try a few Irish Cobblers this season. Our prices will be \$4.00 per bbl.; \$2.00 per bushel; 75c per peck; by freight or express f. o. b. Presque Isle. By mail postpaid per lb. 30c; 2 lbs. 50c.



**EARLY MICHIGAN.**—This potato resembles the Early Harvest. In shape it is oblong, white, and handsome. It will bear high cultivation and heavy fertilizing. If the land is made rich it is one of the most profitable and large yielding early varieties. It is claimed that 684 bushels have been grown on one acre. It is of great merit as an early variety, as it will bear shipping early in the fall when the weather is warm better than many other kinds. Even if transported long distances it arrives at destination bright and sound.

**EARLY NORTHER.**—This variety originated in this County and is a seedling of the Early Rose, which it resembles in color and form. It is more oval than the Rose, does not grow quite so long and tapers off sharper at the seed end. It is a better yielder than the Early Rose, a little more hardy and will keep later in the season. It ripens about the same time as the Rose. We can safely recommend this potato to our customers as one of the best Rose varieties. We find our customers are liking it better every year.

**POLARIS.**—This is a splendid early variety; cooks white and fine, and is also prolific, yielding large crops of handsome potatoes. 300 bushels is not an uncommon yield.

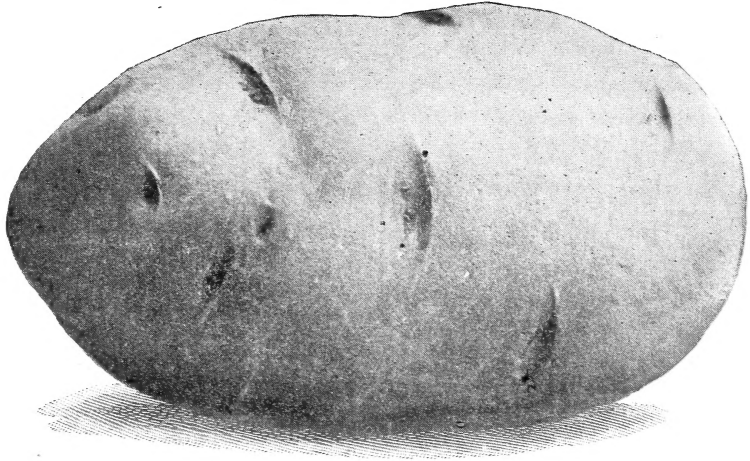
**EARLY VERMONT.**—This is another of the Rose seedlings, or claims to be. The potatoes are a little more oval in shape, yield well, eat well, and are hardy for an early variety.

**PEARL OF SAVOY.**—Claimed to be a cross between Early Vermont and Clark's No. 1. It resembles the Early Rose so closely that only an expert can tell any difference. It crops well, flesh fine and white, a few days earlier than the Rose.

## Early Varieties.

### CROWN JEWEL.—

In our two years' trial of this potato, it has proved to be a productive early variety of superior quality. A very finetable potato. It resembles the Beauty of Hebron very closely. We can recommend it in place of the Hebron for a general field crop as it is a seedling and to be more hardy and less liable to blight and rot. We feel safe in recommending this potato to all experimenters and especially for garden use and market gardeners.



**EARLY HARVEST.**—This is a Maine seedling and is richly entitled to the name of Early Harvest. It is an exceedingly white potato of finest quality, and an exceptionally valuable potato for the early market and a good one for home use. It was first introduced by Geo. W. P. Jerrard of Caribou and has been one of his strongest leading varieties. We have grown it on our farms for four years and it sustains all the recommendations that have ever been given it.

**WHITE BLISS TRIUMPHS.**—The description of the Red Bliss applies to this potato. There is but slight difference excepting in color, the White Bliss being of cream or white with red or pink eyes. It grows a little larger in size than the Red Bliss. Ripens about the same time. Yields about the same and by many it is considered a better potato.

**MAUL'S THOROUGHbred.**—This potato is deserving of more than a passing notice. In season of ripening it is early as the Early Rose. It more closely resembles the Early Rose of 20 years ago than any new seedling or variety.

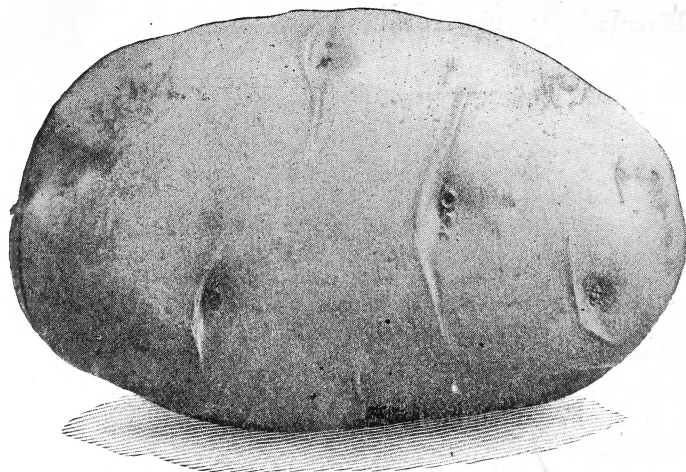
**EARLY BEAUTY OF HEBRON.**—We have a small stock of this old standard variety which we consider is one of the most valuable potatoes ever introduced into this country. It came soon after the Early Rose. We received a small package of the seed first from the Department of Agriculture, more than 20 years ago. This potato is well known all over the country. We can furnish a limited amount of seed that we will guarantee to be true to name.

**IXL.**—This is a seedling of the Early Rose, in earliness about the same. It is a prolific yielder with strong and healthy growth of top. Very popular in Rhode Island, where they claim it is more prolific than the Rose. In form it resembles the Rose very closely. A little more oval, a little darker shade of pink or rose color.

**CLARK'S No. 1.**—Rose colored; a good yielder, of fine table qualities. It is good for a field crop on account of being a good yielder and is also a good potato for the early market. It resembles the Early Rose in color and form, the eyes are a little deeper. It has been popular with the farmers of Aroostook wherever it has been grown.

**RED BLISS TRIUMPH.**—This early variety gives great satisfaction in southern states. It never rots; will grow marketable sized potatoes quicker than any other variety and stands early shipping without rotting. It is a very attractive potato and eats well when ripe. Our sales for this potato extend from Philadelphia to Texas, and will exceed 100 carloads this season.

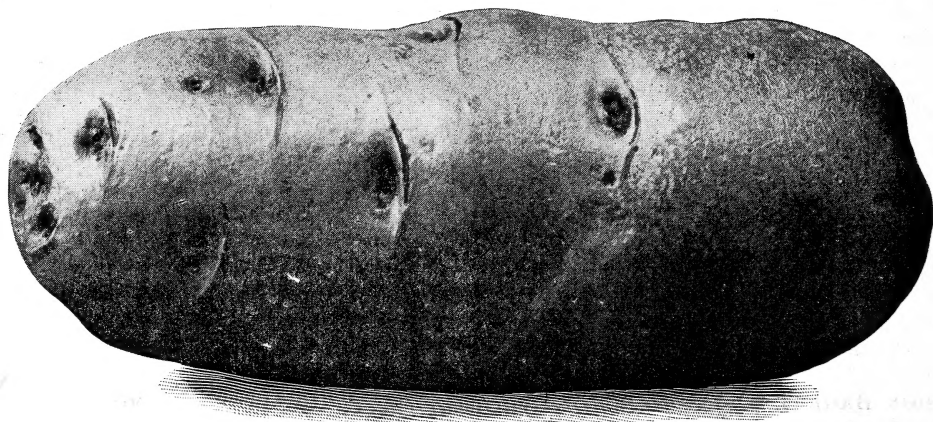




**MILL'S EARLY MORTGAGE LIFTER.**—We have grown this potato two years and have found it all it is recommended to be in Mr. Mill's description, which is as follows:—Here is a great early potato that has been tested by thousands of my customers in every section of the country. It has proven a great success everywhere. The Mortgage Lifter was introduced three years ago. The seed stock was imported by a seed expert, who found it the earliest and most prolific variety he had ever grown. The potatoes are always

uniform in size and there are fewer small unsaleable potatoes among a crop than most any other variety I have ever grown. Its extreme earliness and creamy white color makes it very desirable.

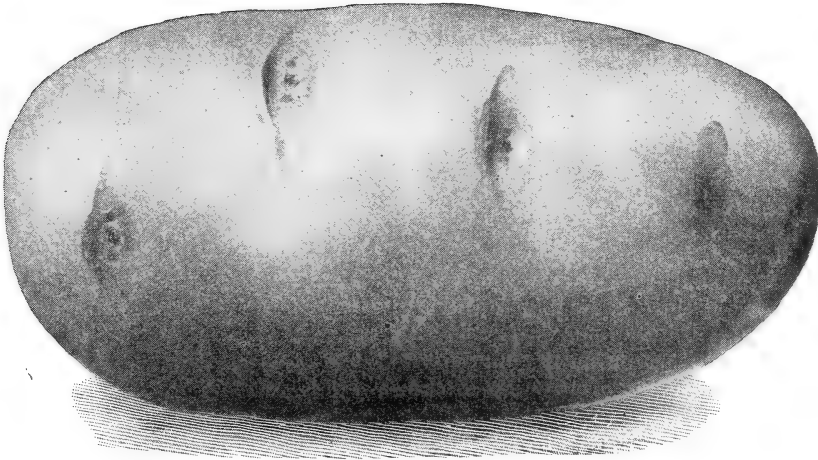
**HOULTON ROSE.**—The same as Early Rose. They take the name of Houlton, as Houlton was the first town in Aroostook County opened up by railroad, and Rose potatoes were first shipped from Houlton.



**PURE EARLY ROSE.**—About thirty years ago we procured three pounds of Early Rose seed potatoes for which we paid \$1.00 per pound. These were the first ever introduced into Aroostook County. From the three pounds we raised three bushels. We have grown them every year since and know that we have the pure old-fashioned stock. We raised one year from five acres 2,000 bushels. We had 35 potatoes that weighed one bushel, and one potato that weighed four pounds. This potato needs no description as it is today the most popular variety and stands ahead of all others not only in Maine but in nearly every other State.

**JUNIOR PRIDE.**—This is an extra early pure white Triumph potato. It is as early as the Red or White Bliss Triumph. We have tested these potatoes three years on our seed farms. We find it to be a remarkably good yielder and a much better table potato than the Red or White Bliss, while the vines are not perfectly blight proof, yet the tubers never have rotted any with us. They will keep perfectly sound until potatoes grow again. We often get 100 barrels or 275 bushels per acre. H. W. Collingwood, editor

of the Rural New Yorker pronounces it the earliest potato in existence. It is one of the best potatoes we know of for a general field crop. The demand for them is increasing rapidly every year. Our stock will be limited for late shipments as we expect they will nearly all be called for early.



**CLARK'S PRIDE.**—This grand new potato which is a true Aroostook seedling we are introducing this year for the second time under its true name. In this potato we know we have a new variety raised from the potato ball. It is not a sport, neither is it an old variety under a new name. In 1893 William Clark, a practical farmer 86 years of age, living in the town of Washburn planted a few potato balls. In the springs of '94 and '95 he made selections from the best varieties and planted. In the fall of '95 Mr. Clark died. His son has continued to plant them every year since. We have secured enough seed stock with what we grew ourselves so we can offer them in large or small lots. In earliness we find they compare about with the New Queen, Maul's Thoroughbred, Early Harvest and Early Rose. The color is pure white. It has a large number of shallow eyes distributed evenly over the surface. In form oval and oblong. The table qualities equal to the best early varieties. In 1901 many pieces yielded 300 bushels to the acre. We know we have one of the best new varieties of potatoes that have been introduced for many years. We want every customer to whom we sell potatoes this season to order a few Clark's Prides and give them a trial. Feeling there will be a large demand for them next year wherever we introduce this year. Our prices will be, single barrel \$4.00; bushel \$2.00; peck 75c by freight or express. By mail postpaid per pound 30c; 2 lbs. 50c.

**ENSIGN BAGLEY.**—This potato was first introduced by S. D. Woodruff & Sons of Orange, Conn. They claim it is a brand new extra early pure white sort. They first introduced it in the spring of 1899. In their catalogue of 1901 they say:

“We planted on our own farms several acres of this sort. In comparison with such well known sorts as New Queen, and Early Norther, with the result that Ensign Bagley out-yielded them all and were ready to dig July 10th, yielding over 200 bushels of marketable potatoes of the finest quality.”

“We have four farms in Aroostook County on which we grow seed stock. The plant last season on the four farms was 150 acres. We had a large acreage of the Ensign Bagley planted. We find for earliness they compare about with the New Queen, Maul's Thoroughbred, Early Harvest and Early Rose. Perhaps a little earlier. On account of their being a new seedling they are remarkably productive, hardy, free from blight and quite uniform in shape. We have enough seed stock of this variety, grown by ourselves and by farmers to whom we furnish seed so that we can offer them this year in carload lots.

In small lots our prices will be by mail postpaid per lb. 30c; 2 lbs. 50c. By freight or express, charges to be paid by the purchaser per peck 75c; per bushel \$1.50; per barrel \$3.50. Special prices quoted on carload lots.

**QUICK CROP.**—This is an early potato and resembles the New Queen and Early Ohio. It is as early as either variety. Yields equal to New Queen and better than Early Ohio. With us it is quite a favorite for the garden and early home use.

**VAUGHN'S NEW WHITE OHIO.**—We have planted this potato but one year on our farm and can truly say it combines as many early and good qualities as the best early varieties we catalogue. Planted side by side with the Early Ohio in an old garden, when harvested October 25th one-third of the Ohios were affected with rot and not more than one potato in twenty of the White Ohios showed any sign of decay. I have read of 350 bushels per acre being grown this season in a Western State. Vaughn Seed Co. reports it as follows:

The Early Ohio has been said to be "the best potato that grows in the ground." By growing it on new land in the far north, by planting only clean, well-shaped, healthy tubers, we have in our Improved Early Ohio the best type of this variety now existing. A western grower who has been using this northern seed, found, four years ago, a plant producing pure white potatoes, identical in every way with the best of the old Ohio, except in color, which is a fine white. This entire stock we purchased two years ago and still practically control, in all less than four carloads. It has given the best of satisfaction the past season. For every locality where a white potato is the popular market color this new Ohio is bound to be a money-making "bread-winner."



**MILL'S NEW ALL SEASON POTATO.**—Mr. Mills says of this potato: "It is a grand potato and is good for early, medium or late use and I want it tested in all parts of this country. It is a strong grower, resisting blight remarkably well. It is of the Rose type, excellent shape for cooking and I believe will take the place of dozens of other sorts now on the market. Give it a trial this year and you will have seed for next year's planting. Take my advice and try it and you will find it more than I claim. We obtained one barrel of seed which we planted in 1901, which gave us great satisfaction. Our 1902 crop far exceeded our expectation in size, quality, yield and its ability to withstand blight and rot. Nearly every tuber is perfect. Among all the varieties that we have tried on our own table this season, we have found none better. In season it is a little more than medium early and cannot be classed with the extra early varieties. Our stock is limited but we would like our customers to give this potato a fair trial this season, as we feel sure it will require a large stock of seed to supply the demand for planting in 1904. Our price will be per lb. 30c; 2 lbs. 50c, by mail postpaid. Per peck \$1.00; per bushel \$2.00; per bbl. \$4.00 f. o. b. Presque Isle. Shipped by freight or express.

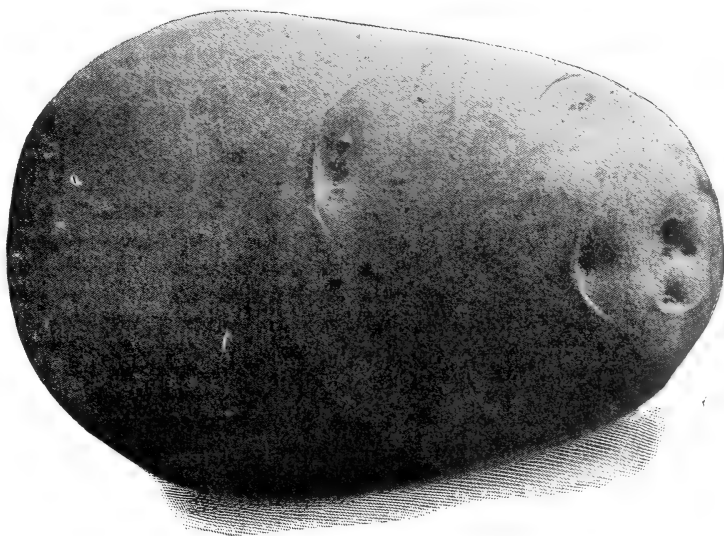


## Medium Early Varieties.



**GEM OF AROOSTOOK.**—This is a great Maine crop potato. Was introduced by Geo. W. P. Jerrard in 1898 and sold for the excessively high price of \$10.00 a barrel. From every part of the country come words of warmest commendation of its unprecedented yields. It is superb quality for table use, its matchless beauty, and enormously large specimens have attracted much notice at the Fairs. It is universally strong, vigorous and healthy. It is a seedling from the renowned New Queen. It is about one week later than the New Queen. Flesh is light color, form oval. It is one of the soundest and best winter keepers. We have grown it on our farms two years and its many good qualities have been a surprise to us each year.

**MILL'S BANNER POTATO.**—We have grown this potato two years and find it to be all it is recommended to be in Mills' catalogue. It is a medium early variety. Mr. Mills says: I find it is unsurpassed by any, and will equal in handsome appearance any potato ever offered. The skin is light cream color and very slightly russet in texture, which fact is recognized as having fine table quality. It is of handsome shape, as shown by the engraving. The eyes are not very abundant and are very shallow. The size is large, none under size, and in this respect is far in advance of a number of highly praised sorts of recent introduction. The Banner has never been known to produce prongy tubers, they are always smooth. No waste nor sorting necessary.

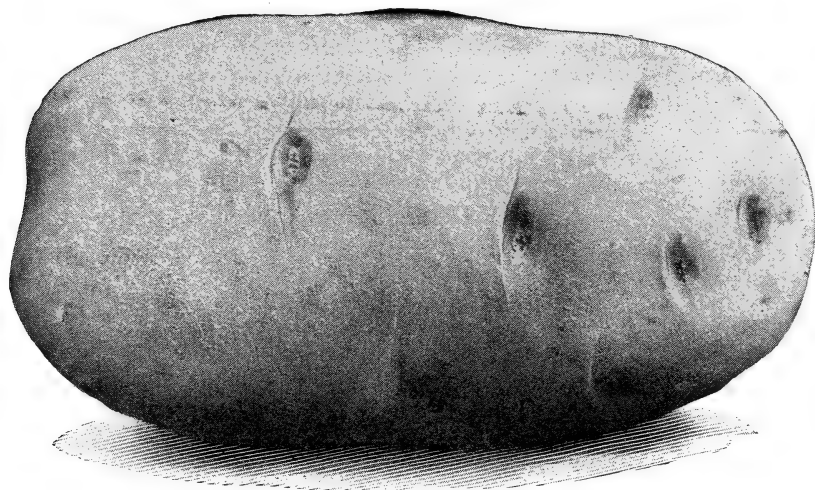


**STATE OF MAINE.**—In color the flesh is snow white. The tubers are over medium size, form cylindrical, slightly elongated. Flavor is nutty and unsurpassed. Vines grow erect with glossy leaves, not attractive to bugs, and resists the blight remarkably well. It is a remarkably good yielder producing as large crops as many of the late varieties. In season it is medium early. For general field crop it is equal to the best. For table use it is good the whole season through.

**AERIAL ROSE.**—This potato is a Rose variety, medium late, rose colored, oblong, rather flat than round. It is one of the largest yielders we have ever planted, the potatoes grow to a very large size and do not need very heavy fertilizing. If planted on rich land the potatoes sometimes grow prongy. It will produce 100 barrels to the acre of smooth handsome potatoes. 125 or more barrels may be grown on very rich land but there would not be any more merchantable potatoes. The table qualities are good. It is a potato that stands the drought well and seldom blights or rots. It is a good potato for any market where they call for Early Rose for table use.

**ALBEE ROSE.**—No more valuable variety for the general market is now grown. It is a combination of good qualities, withstanding rust and drouth finely, being a most rapid and vigorous grower, keeping as well as the best, having excellent quality, and being a large, smooth, very handsome light pink potato, that has proved itself a greater favorite in New Jersey than any other ever sent from this section. The Albee Rose originated in the Aroostook valley. It never blossoms.

### Medium Late Varieties.

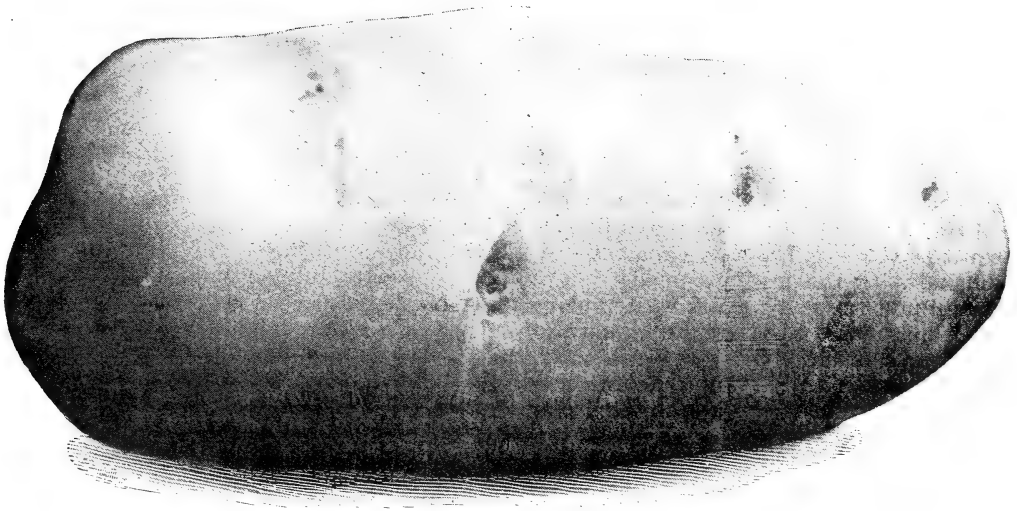


**UNCLE SAM.**—This is a potato that resembles in many ways the Green Mountains or Carman No. 1. In form it is round to oval. It is a very handsome potato, pure white skin, luxuriant grower, free from all disease. As a cropper on the same land planted beside the Green Mountain it has produced more bushels per acre. The table qualities are also better than the Green Mountains. For the two years that we have grown them they have proved themselves to be more profitable as a general cropper than the Green Mountain, White Elephant or any medium early or late potato.

**DELEWARE.**—This is one of the few varieties that do well on all kinds of soil. In form it is round or oval. It will bear heavy fertilizing with Commercial manure. It is a very heavy yielder, equal to the Green Mountains and Carman No. 1. We have been growing it several years on our farm and it has never failed in producing a good crop of sound merchantable potatoes with very few small ones. For a medium early variety for general shipping purposes we consider it one of the best.



**THE WHITE BEAUTY.**—This potato has proven to be one of the best all around general crop potatoes we have ever had. The cooking quality of this potato is extra fine, in fact it is not excelled by any potato grown in Maine. The skin is pure white and the potato cooks as white as flour. In this variety we have all the strong points of a first-class potato, viz: Form, Size, Quality and Yield. It resembles the old favorite White Star, in habit of growth and season; in quality it is much superior. Vines strong and upright, eyes but slightly indented. We have grown this variety four years without any signs of blight. Stock limited.



**[ PROLIFIC ROSE.**—A seedling of the Early Rose. Vines stocky. Tubers quite red at seed end, with shallow eyes. One of the greatest croppers of all the Rose seedlings.

**IMPROVED GREEN MOUNTAIN.**—This is the Green Mountain improved by careful selection of seed. The Green Mountain now leads all other potatoes in the largest and best markets, selling at from 5 to 10 cents per bushel higher. In season it is medium. It is one of the best yielders, free from blight and rot, keeps well in cellars, never is out of season for the table; color, white; form, round or oval; smooth skinned, shallow eye, a grand field cropper.

**WHITE ELEPHANT.**—Resembles the Hebron. Ten days later. Vines large and bushy, yields heavy crops.



**AMERICAN WONDER.**—One of the best medium late varieties for general field culture. The vines are strong, healthy growers, tubers white, large and very uniform in size with few eyes which are nearly flush with the surface. The quality is first-class either baked or boiled, and has a sweet, rich flavor.

**CARMAN NO. 1.**—Medium early, enormous yielder, handsome and uniformly large; white skin and flesh. Finest quality, green stalks, white blossoms.

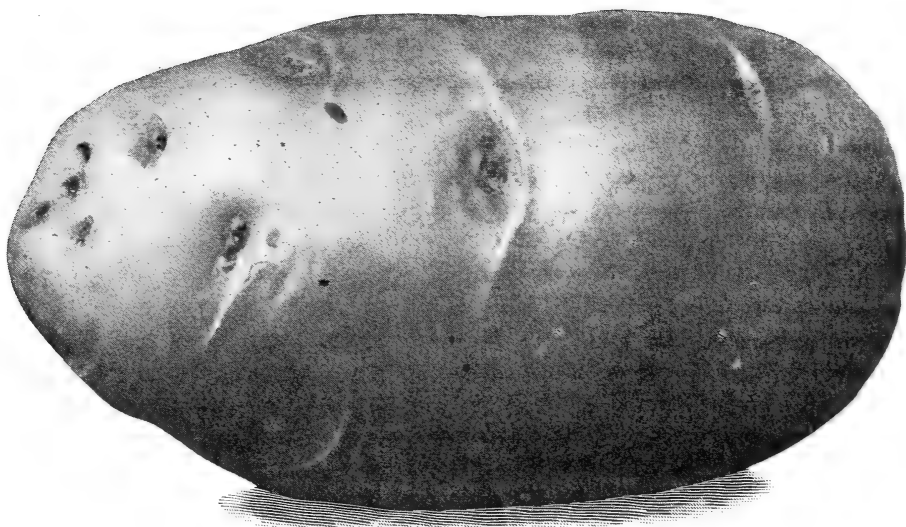
**EARLY STATE OF MAINE.**—This is a large, smooth potato; rose color, great yielder, medium early, blight proof; never has rotted with us. Table qualities are good. It is a good potato for wet, heavy soils.

### Late Varieties.

**PARKHURST'S PRIZE.**—The senior member of our firm, E. E. Parkhurst, first introduced this potato twelve years ago and gave it the name of Parkhurst's Prize. We have grown it 14 years with never a poor crop. In 1896 there was harvested from one acre 545 bushels. If the ground is made rich the tubers grow to an enormous size, with but few small potatoes. They are white oblong, few and shallow eyes. It cooks mealy, but does not mature in this northern climate so that we can recommend it as really a fine table potato, but our customers south claim that it cooks white, fine and mealy, and the farther south it is grown the better the quality. We have never raised a potato on our farm that will produce more bushels per acre with the same cultivation.

**SIR WALTER RALEIGH.**—Forty potatoes in one bushel. Some weigh two pounds. Too much cannot be said in its favor; it yields, practically, no small potatoes. Few eyes, nearly every potato marketable. The flesh is white, fine grained, exceeding in quality many of the early varieties. It is one of the heaviest croppers.

**CARMAN NO. 3.**—One of the best late sorts. It is the handsomest large round potato ever produced; every potato is perfect in form. It ranks with the best for yield and table use. It has no dark spots or hollow hearts.



**DOE'S PRIDE.**—This potato originated on the farm of William C. Doe, of Mapleton, in 1897. Mr. Doe's statement is as follows: "They are a cross between White Elephant and Dakota Reds." Mr. Doe claims they are a distinct variety, he claims the process by which he originated them is in part a secret. We can get no farther information from him than this. We have been watching this potato for two or three years. Last season they were introduced by Mr. Doe among the farmers in this town at \$6.00 per barrel for seed. Every farmer that planted them last spring claims that the blight did not affect them in the least, and the wet weather did not injure the crop. Many farmers claim it would have been better for them to have bought enough seed, and planted nothing but Doe's Pride, as the yield would have been more than double what they obtained by planting other varieties. As will be seen by the cut, the potato is round to oblong. The color resembles the White Elephant, being clouded white and pink. The pink part is a little darker than it is on the Elephant. They are not so uniform in shape as some new seedlings that we have had. We find some of the tubers resemble the White Elephant very much in shape. Others look more like the Dakotas. This is the first season this potato has ever been introduced outside of the immediate locality.

For a late potato in localities where the blight or rot is apt to affect the crop there is no potato we have ever yet seen so free from every disease. The yield is equal to the Dakota Reds. We have tried them on our tables out of several lots grown on different farms and they are much above the average potato grown in this country this year.

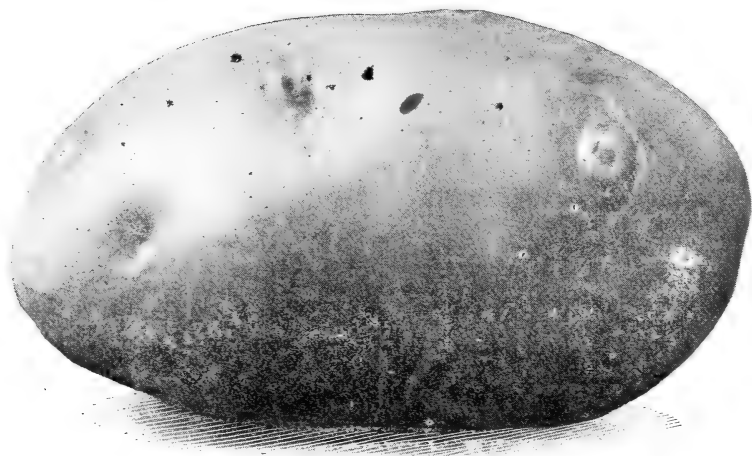
Our stock will be limited and we can only offer them in small lots. Prices will be as follows:—1 lb. 30c; 2 lbs. 50c; peck 75c; 1-2 bushel \$1.25; bushel \$2.00; bbl. \$4.00.

**ENORMOUS POTATO.**—This is what it purports to be, an enormous yielder; vines very healthy, stalk stout and tall. Potatoes large and round, skin very white. It will grow marketable sized potatoes on any soil. Yields have been reported from 450 to 604 bushels per acre. There is no ill shaped potatoes. It can always be raised at a profit. Stock limited.

**RURAL NEW YORKER NO. 2.**—This potato is too well known to need any statement as to its good qualities. It always produces a large crop of good, marketable potatoes, which sell at a good price from the Atlantic cities to Chicago and St. Louis.

**MAGGIE MURPHY.**—This is decidedly a valuable acquisition to the late potato family. Some markets call for red varieties, both early and late; in such markets this potato will fill the bill perfectly. The shape is flattened oblong, with smooth eyes. It yields as large crops as the best late varieties. Never has shown any blight or scab.

**DAKOTA RED.**—An old and well established late red variety, flesh white, cooks well; ripens in any climate and always produces good crops.



**CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.**—The name of this potato represents its productive qualities. It yields enormous crops of large potatoes, uniform in size with not enough small potatoes to be worth picking up, yet there are practically none overgrown or too large to cook. Like other new late varieties it is hardy and vigorous, not liable to blight, and the tops grow so fast that the bugs cannot injure them. The table qualities are all right. In season about like Carmen No. 3, and Sir Walter Raleigh.

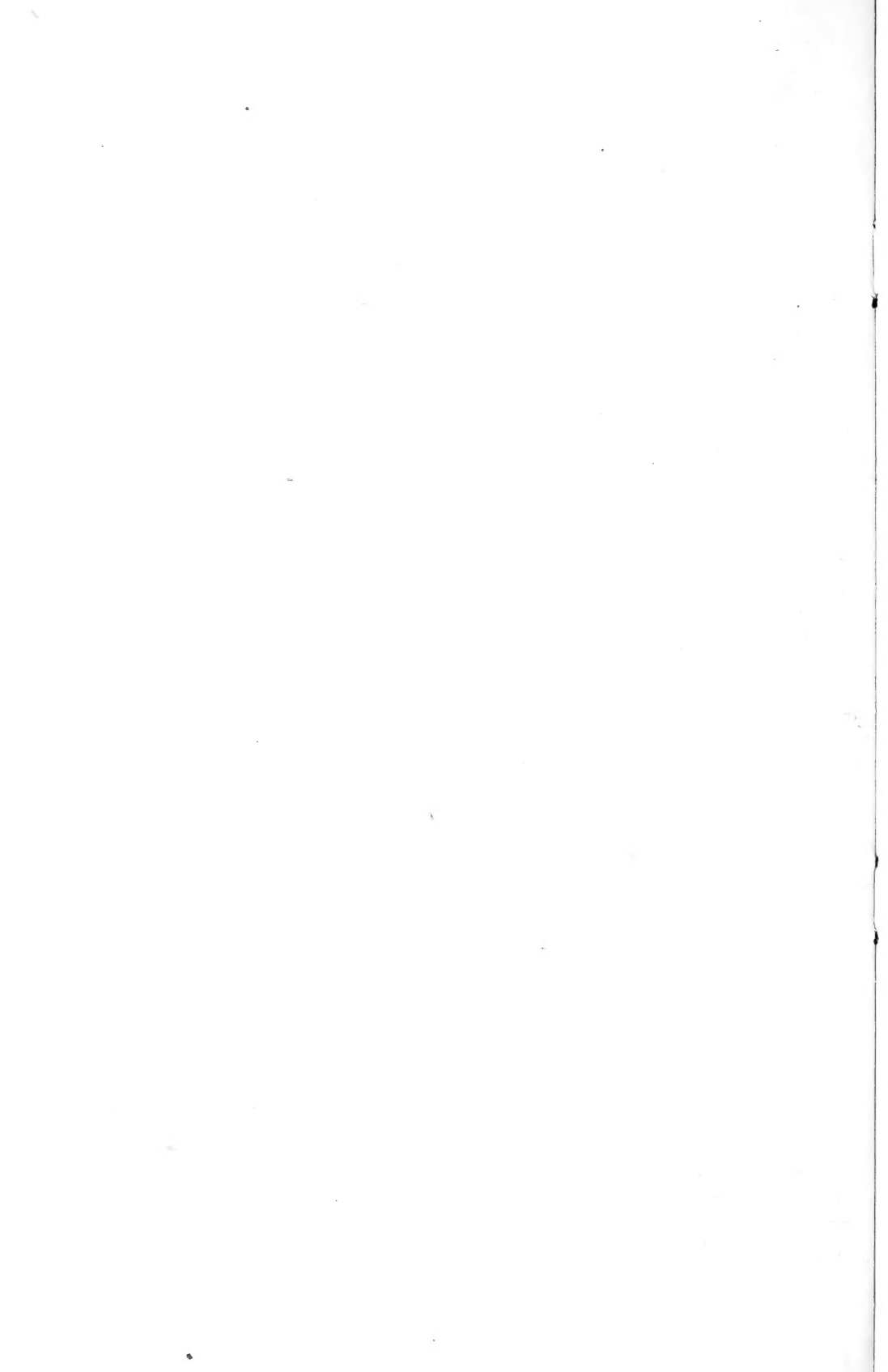
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	PREPAID.		AT BUYER'S EXPENSE.			
	1 lb.	2 lbs.	pk.	1-2 bus.	bus.	bbl.
Parkhurst's Aroostook Co. White Rose	30c	50c	75c	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$3.25
Bovee	30	50	75	1.25	2.00	3.25
X. X. Early	"	"	"	"	"	"
Irish Cobbler	"	"	"	"	"	4.00
New Queen	"	"	"	"	"	3.25
Early Michigan	"	"	"	"	"	"
Early Norther	"	"	"	"	"	"
Polaris	"	"	"	"	"	"
Early Vermont	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pearl of Savoy	"	"	"	"	"	"
Crown Jewel	"	"	"	"	"	"
Early Harvest	"	"	"	"	"	"
White Bliss Triumph	"	"	"	"	"	"
Maule's Thoroughbred	"	"	"	"	"	"
Early Beauty of Hebron	"	"	"	"	"	"
IXL	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mill's Early Mortgage Lifter	"	"	"	"	"	"
Early Rose	"	"	"	"	"	"
Clark's No. 1	"	"	"	"	"	"
Houlton Rose	"	"	"	"	"	"
Red Bliss Triumph	"	"	"	"	"	"
Clark's Pride	"	"	"	"	"	4.00
Junior Pride	"	"	"	"	"	3.25
Parkhurst's Extra Early Red Rose	"	"	"	"	"	"

### Medium Varieties.

Mill's New All Season Potato	30	50	75	1.25	2.00	4.00
American Wonder	"	"	"	"	"	3.25
Early State of Maine	"	"	"	"	"	"
Aerial Rose	"	"	"	"	"	"
Gem of Aroostook	"	"	"	"	"	"
White Beauty	"	"	"	"	"	"
Deleware	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mill's Banner	"	"	"	"	"	"
Prolific Rose	"	"	"	"	"	"
Improved Green Mountain	"	"	"	"	"	"
White Elephant	"	"	"	"	"	"
Carman No. 1	"	"	"	"	"	"
Uncle Sam	"	"	"	"	"	"
Champion of the World	"	"	"	"	"	"
Parkhurst's Prize	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sir Walter Raleigh	"	"	"	"	"	"
Carman No. 3	"	"	"	"	"	"
Enormous Potato	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rural New Yorker No. 2	"	"	"	"	"	"
Maggie Murphy	"	"	"	"	"	"
Doe's Pride	"	"	"	"	"	4.00
Dakota Reds	"	"	"	"	"	2.75
State of Maine	"	"	"	"	"	3.25
Ensign Bagley	"	"	"	"	1.50	3.50
Quick Crop	"	"	"	"	"	"
Vaughn's New White Ohio.	"	"	"	1.25	2.00	4.00
Albee Rose	"	"	"	"	"	3.25





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To any persons receiving this catalogue that will send us the names of ten good farmers who grow potatoes, and 16c in stamps, we will send them by mail, prepaid, one pound of any variety of potatoes they may select from this catalogue.

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We are always prepared to quote low prices for best class of seed stock to large seedsmen and wholesale dealers in carload lots.

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